

The southern limit in Arakan seems to be MAUNGNAMA about 10 miles North of MAUNGDAW.

How far North does it extend?

It certainly occurs in the open foothills 15 miles N-E of Cox's Bazaar where I have seen it twice. I found some Chittagonian villagers and local shikari knew it, but all said it was scarce. The Kumis and Moros who lived higher up had never heard of it.

Villagers said they never saw them in the monsoon, but the monsoon is so heavy that villagers do not get about much at that time. Is it possible that the Thamin migrates over the Yomas from the east in the dry season? On the other hand the doe in captivity in the village of Maunghnama was taken as a fawn in October 1943.

I hope someone will secure a specimen in order to ascertain whether there is any deviation from the type.

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8.—A NOTE ON THE PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUMATRAN RHINOCEROS (*DICERORHINUS SUMATRENSIS*) IN THE ARAKAN DISTRICT OF BURMA.

(With a map).

The recent campaign in Arakan from the autumn of 1943 till May 1945 offered a unique opportunity for trying to ascertain the present distribution of the Sumatran Rhinoceros in this District. Throughout this period I had special patrols, usually consisting of two British officers with some local levies and interpreters, operating in the Arakan Yomas east of the Kaladan and Lemro rivers, and later all the way south to the Sandoway Yomas. I briefed these officers, and they sent me regular reports of their observations. Unfortunately none of them were naturalists, but they produced much useful material, and this note is a collation of their reports.

Visual records were very few indeed. During the whole period only three were seen by British officers. In addition, tracks were seen at rare intervals, and droppings and wallows were pointed out by locals. On only two occasions were tracks pointed out as belonging to a cow followed by a calf. However, local tribal headmen who were consulted by patrol leaders knew the animal well where it existed, while others were quite definite either that it had never been known in their area, or that none had heard of it in their lifetime, though it used to be known there.

As these patrols moved continuously in the Yomas, and as I was constantly asking them about rhinoceros, I got a pretty

